

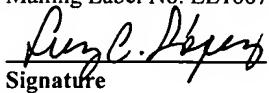


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Preliminary Classification:

Proposed Class:

Subclass:

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**Mail Stop Patent Application
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventor(s): David G. MALONE

For (title): Devices and methods for facilitating controlled bone growth or repair

1. Type of Application

This new application is for a(n)

Original (nonprovisional)
 Design

- Plant
- Divisional.
- Continuation.
- Continuation-in-part (C-I-P).

2. Benefit of Prior U.S. Application(s) (35 U.S.C. Sections 119(e), 120, or 121)

- The new application being transmitted is a continuation-in-part of co-pending International Application No. PCT/US02/23262, filed July 23, 2002, which International Application designates the United States and which itself is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/737,074, filed December 14, 2000, now abandoned, to which priority is claimed.

3. Papers Enclosed

A. Required for Filing Date under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.53(b) (Regular) or 37 C.F.R. Section 1.153 (Design) Application

- 28 Pages of Specification
- 8 Pages of Claims
- 1 Pages of Abstract
- 12 Sheets of Drawing [Formal]

- The enclosed drawing(s) are photograph(s), and there is also attached a "PETITION TO ACCEPT PHOTOGRAPH(S) AS DRAWING(S)." 37 C.F.R. Section 1.84(b).

- Formal
- Informal

B. Other Papers Enclosed

- Pages of declaration and power of attorney
- Pages of assignment
- Nonpublication Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i)
- Initial Application Data Sheet
- None
- Other

4. Additional Papers Enclosed

- Amendment to claims
- Cancel in this applications claims _____ before calculating the filing fee.
(At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
- Add the claims shown on the attached amendment. (Claims added have been numbered consecutively following the highest numbered original claims.)
- Preliminary Amendment
- Information Disclosure Statement (37 C.F.R. Section 1.98)
- Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B)
- Citations
- Declaration of Biological Deposit
- Submission of "Sequence Listing," computer readable copy and/or amendment pertaining thereto for biotechnology invention containing nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence.
- Authorization of Attorney(s) to Accept and Follow Instructions from Representative
- Special Comments
- Other

5. Declaration or Oath (including power of attorney)

- Enclosed
 - Executed by
 - inventor(s).
 - legal representative of inventor(s). 37 C.F.R. Section 1.42 or 1.43.
 - joint inventor or person showing a proprietary interest on behalf of inventor who refused to sign or cannot be reached.
 - This is the petition required by 37 C.F.R. Section 1.47 and the statement required by 37 C.F.R. Section 1.47 is also attached. See item 13 below for fee.
- Not Enclosed.
 - Application is made by a person authorized under 37 C.F.R. 1.41 on behalf of *all* the above named inventor(s).
 - Showing that the filing is authorized.

6. Inventorship Statement

The inventorship for all the claims in this application are:

The same.

or

Not the same. An explanation, including the ownership of the various claims at the time the last claimed invention was made,
 is submitted.
 will be submitted.

7. Language

English

Non-English

The attached translation includes a statement that the translation is accurate. 37 C.F.R. Section 1.52(d).

8. Assignment

An assignment of the invention to

is attached. A separate
 "COVER SHEET FOR ASSIGNMENT (DOCUMENT) ACCOMPANYING NEW PATENT APPLICATION" or
 FORM PTO 1595 is also attached.
 Will follow.
 Assignment previously recorded on _____ at Reel ____ / Frame ____.
 No assignment.

9. Certified Copy

Certified copy(ies) of application(s)

Country:

Application No.:

Filed:

from which priority is claimed

[] is (are) attached.
[] will follow.

10. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. Section 1.16)

A. [X] Regular application

CLAIMS AS FILED

Claims	Number Filed	Basic Fee Allowance	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee 37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(a) \$770.00
Total Claims (37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(c))	37	- 20 =	17 x	\$ 18.00	306.00
Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(b))	9	- 3 =	6 x	\$ 86.00	516.00
Multiple Dependent Claim(s), if any (37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(d))			+	\$290.00	0.00

[] Amendment cancelling extra claims is enclosed.
[] Amendment deleting multiple-dependencies is enclosed.
[] Fee for extra claims is not being paid at this time.

Filing Fee Calculation \$1,592.00

B. Design application
(\$340.00--37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(f))
Filing Fee Calculation \$ _____

C. Plant application
(\$530.00--37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(g))
Filing Fee Calculation \$ _____

11. Small Entity Statement(s)

Small entity statement is claimed at this time.
 Small entity statement is not claimed at this time.

Filing Fee Calculation (50% of A, B or C above) \$ 796.00

12. Request for International-Type Search (37 C.F.R. Section 1.104(d))

(complete, if applicable)

Please prepare an international-type search report for this application at the time when national examination on the merits takes place.

13. Fee Payment Being Made at This Time

Not Enclosed

No filing fee is to be paid at this time.

Enclosed

Filing fee \$ _____

Recording assignment
(\$40.00; 37 C.F.R. Section 1.21(h))
(See attached "COVER SHEET FOR
ASSIGNMENT ACCOMPANYING NEW
APPLICATION.") \$ _____

[]	Petition fee for filing by other than all the inventors or person on behalf of the inventor where inventor refused to sign or cannot be reached (\$130.00; 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.47 and 1.17(I))	\$ _____
[]	For processing an application with a specification in a non-English language (\$130.00; 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.52(d) and 1.17(k))	\$ _____
[]	Processing and retention fee (\$130.00; 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.53(d) and 1.21(l))	\$ _____
[]	Fee for international-type search report (\$40.00; 37 C.F.R. Section 1.21(e))	\$ _____
Total Fees Enclosed		\$ _____

14. Method of Payment of Fees

- [] Check in the amount of \$_____.
- [] Charge Account No. _____ in the amount of \$_____.
[] A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

15. Authorization to Charge Additional Fees

- [] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following additional fees by this paper and during the entire pendency of this application to Account No..
 - [] 37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(a), (f) or (g) (filing fees)
 - [] 37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(b), (c) and (d) (presentation of extra claims)
 - [] 37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(e) (surcharge for filing the basic filing fee and/or declaration on a date later than the filing date of the application)
 - [] 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(a)(1)-(5) (extension fees pursuant to Section 1.136(a))
 - [] 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17 (application processing fees)
 - [] 37 C.F.R. Section 1.18 (issue fee at or before mailing of Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.311(b))

16. Instructions as to Overpayment

Credit Account No. _____.
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17. Correspondence Address

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Respectfully submitted,



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